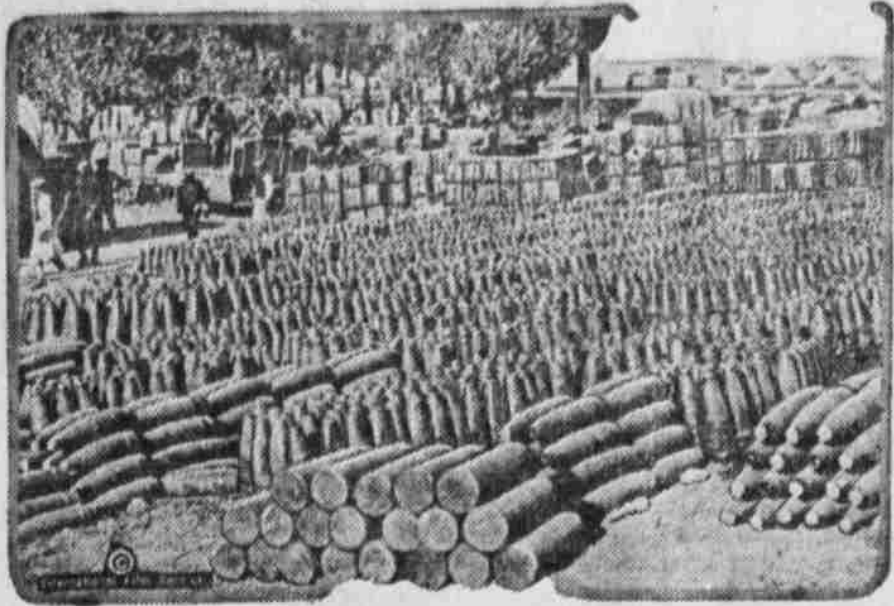


PLENTY OF SHELLS FOR THE SERBIANS



Great quantities of ammunition at Saloniki placed at the disposal of the Serbian troops, who seem to be making good use of it.

CONGRESS TO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

Several Bills Being Prepared for the Consideration of the National Lawmakers—Swiss System Suggested as Pattern for the United States Plan—Considered by Experts as Ideal From Defensive Standpoint.

Washington.—Every sign points to some sort of legislation bearing on universal military training in the United States. And it is becoming more and more apparent that there may be more than one bill presented to congress to provide for the establishment of one system or another of military preparation for the youth of America. Recently there has been more talk of such legislation. Just how far the American people will be willing to go in this matter not even the best judges can possibly know.

President Wilson and various members of his cabinet, not to mention high officers of the army and navy, are almost a unit in the opinion that the voluntary plan of obtaining recruits has been, up to date, a failure and that some program of universal military training will be best for the country in the long run.

Various bills providing for universal military training are in process of making. One is being whipped into form by persons identified with the Universal Military Training league, whose headquarters are in Chicago, but whose backers know no state lines and are not restricted by party or sect. It will be some time before any bill is in shape to go before the house or senate, but, in the main, the principal features can now be presented.

Follow the Swiss Plan.

The idea seems to be to pattern the United States plan after the Swiss system of defensive military training and preparation. Experts are laying stress upon the difference between a military training plan looking to the defense of a country and one contemplating aggression. Some experts hold that the Swiss plan is an ideal one from a defensive standpoint and the German system quite typical of one concerned not only with defensive but aggressive military measures.

Howard H. Gross, president of the Universal Military Training league, has just finished a visit in Washington, where he conferred with numerous officials, including Secretary of War Baker. Mr. Gross is careful to emphasize the importance of a conservative system of military training as against one that might invite opposition from persons who see a militaristic bogey in every preparedness suggestion.

"In Switzerland recently the entire Swiss army, including all the reserves, was put on the Swiss border within forty-eight hours," said Mr. Gross. "The Swiss border minus Swiss soldiers would have been quite as inviting as the Belgian border had been. In mountain pass and on plain Swiss soldiers who had been accustomed to drilling and handling a firearm since boyhood were gathered by the hundreds of thousands. Each Swiss is what one would call in this country 'a dead shot.' Mobilization of these 'dead shots,' in short, spelled the complete safety of the Swiss republic from the warring nations of Europe. Switzerland, however, is not a militaristic country, but quite the reverse."

Every Lad to Train.

As outlined at present, one of the bills providing for universal military training will contain the following important items:

Every lad between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three shall be subject to military training unless he is physically or mentally deficient.

In the nineteenth year the boy must go to the nearest training camp, where he will be received by Uncle Sam and given several months of rigorous training in military maneuvers, handling of arms and the science of warfare.

The next year the boy must also report for similar duty, but his term of training will not be so prolonged as the first year.

Capable United States army and naval officers will be in charge, and the boys will be taught discipline, obedience, care of their bodies, upbuilding of the physique, camping-out methods, besides the regulation drill and target practice.

The government will pay all bills from the time the boy starts for the training camp to the time he gets home again.

Previous military experience or school training shall count as a credit to any entrant; that is, an entrant having had previous instruction in a military school will be informed by the government that his term of military training has been reduced a certain number of weeks or months on that account.

Use Military Camps.

Training in military camps, such as the Plattsburg camp, or in the state guard also will be given consideration. United States officials will pass upon all entrants and it will be their dictum on who is fit or unfit.

There will be no favoritism—rich and poor, black and white will have to take the training.

A plan is afoot to inject into the bill a provision making it unlawful for any employer to discriminate against a boy because he leaves his employment to take military training. A general demand for this is being heard, and the bill under discussion no doubt will have some such provision.

At the end of the two-year season in which active training is received the entrant must have finished the course. He will be told to go back to the paths of industry. He will at once and automatically become a reservist and will be given a medal by the United States government. This medal will indicate to everybody that the wearer is a reservist, has had the training, and can be depended upon to defend his flag in any emergency. That these medals will be much prized by the wearers is regarded as certain.

During the three years after the youth has completed his active training it is planned he shall report for duty and take a week or two of drill. This feature of the bill is still in the making.

Begin at Nineteen.

It is also undecided exactly when the lad shall begin his training, but the best opinion now favors the nineteenth year.

It is estimated that about half a million young men would be given training yearly and that at the end of five years there would be a reserve force of 2,500,000 trained men.

The idea seems to be to start the youth in training and complete it before the age usual for marriage. Then, if the United States is plunged into war, the soldiers who would respond to call would be the last ones in training, the first reserves, and therefore the youngest soldiers. This would make quite impossible the sundering of family ties, the taking away from wife and children of the chief sustainer of larder and home.

It is also argued that boys will train more easily at this age, and more easily will become inured to the life.

It is rather premature to make an estimate of cost of universal military training, but one conservative estimate is from \$100 to \$150 a year to the man, or from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000 a year. At present the American government is spending about \$100,000,000 on its army. Since the Spanish-American war our military system is said to have cost the people about \$4,000,000,000.

Fish Knocks Man Down.

Saltua, Kan.—E. A. Hillman of Wakeeney has a sore face, caused by a tussle with a large catfish which he attempted to catch with his hands while swimming. The fish was seen under a log at the edge of the creek apparently asleep. Hillman slipped his hands along the side of the fish and had almost closed his fingers through the gills when his fishship came to life and jumped for liberty. It struck Hillman such a blow in the face that he was thrown off his balance and his face badly lacerated, and then the fish escaped.

INDIAN RELICS ARE FOUND

Members of a New Historical Association Get a Load of Them in California.

Klamath Falls, Cal.—Loaded down with newly-found Indian relics, including pipes, stone war hammers, dish grinders, 75 arrowheads, ten spearheads, several knives, 11 mortars and more than 100 pestles, J. C. Rutenie, A. C. Yaden, Floyd Brandenburg and George Snyder, members of the recently organized Klamath Historical Association, returned recently from a ten days' research expedition through the lava beds.

These beds, lying just across the California line in Modoc county, were the seat of the Modoc Indian war and have furnished many valuable relics during the last few years.

Most of those found on the present trip were gathered along the receding shore of the Tule lake, which is being drained at the hands of the United States reclamation service by diverting Lost river, which formerly flowed into it.

OLD PROPERTY MAN IS DEAD

Maude Adams Leaves Her Private Secretary to Care for Foster in Last Illness.

New Orleans.—John Foster of New York, who was property man for Miss Maude Adams, the actress, died in an infirmary here. He was taken there two weeks ago while the actress was playing in "The Little Minister."

Miss Adams was at his bedside frequently until Wednesday, when she left with her company. She left her private secretary, Miss Helen Boynton, in charge of the patient, for whom she had employed nurses and physicians. Foster was sixty-nine years old.

Property man in many of the Frohman companies, he had been with Miss Adams in all her productions for 15 years. Other stage celebrities whom he served in a similar capacity, were Chauncey Olcott, Charles Evans, Mme. Ithea and Mme. Modjeska. The body was shipped to New York, where Miss Adams has arranged for the funeral.

YAWNS IN CHURCH, FINED \$20

Kentuckian Becomes Sleepy During the Sermon and Annoys Congregation.

Lexington, Ky.—Henry Hipshire paid \$20 in county court for his lack of constraint while pastor Bottom was working up to his peroration in the course of a sermon at the old Union church, Loretto, two weeks ago. As the congregation hung spellbound on the words of the minister, the "yawn" was told, Hipshire wearily abandoned himself to an abysmal yawn.

It wasn't a yawn in the narrow definition, the jury was told. It was more a cross between a sign, a groan and a yawn. There was such a tinge of distaste and aggressiveness in it, it was said, that Hipshire was both ejected and arrested.

"Disturbing public worship" was the charge filed in the county on which the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

OLD FOOTLIGHT FAVORITE



Mrs. Marion B. Clifton, eighty-three years of age, an inmate of the Actors' Fund home at West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., pouring tea for guests at the home.

SWELLING FISH SINK VESSEL

Dried Codfish Get Wet and Schooner Ponhook's Seams Open at Sea.

Galveston, Tex.—A cargo of dried codfish that swelled when the schooner Ponhook shipped water opened the schooner's seams and sank it, according to the crew of the Norwegian steamer Kronstad, which arrived here.

The Kronstad, two days out from the Azores, sighted the Ponhook in a sinking condition and rescued her crew on the night of October 30 in a heavy sea. The Ponhook was bound from St. Johns for Gibraltar. Captain Doyle and the seven men of the Ponhook were landed at Punta del Gorda.



Christmas Hymn

By Philip Brooks

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us,
we pray;
Cast out our sins,
and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us,
abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.



A Real Party.

Harry had attended the Christmas party of a little friend and enjoyed it very much, especially the candy and other goodies. A few days later the mother of his little host met him and asked:

"Did you have a good time, Harry, at Orrin's party?"
"I should say so!" responded Harry, enthusiastically. "Why, mamma had to sit up with me three nights I was so sick."

The Christmas note is peace and good will. Whatever discords, wrongs or resentments the year has held for us, the blessed Christmastide should end them all. If you have pushed aside any hand this year, reach out and clasp it now. If any dear tie has been loosened, knit it up again on this gladdest of all anniversaries. Let all wounds be healed, and all resentment and pride be buried under the Christmas holly, while we celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Quotations to Go With Christmas Gifts

A PRETTY and original touch may be given a Christmas gift by accompanying it with a dainty card on which are written the recipient's name and some apt quotation of an appropriate nature. A few selected quotations suitable for different gifts are suggested here.

For a postal card album:

Kind messages that pass from land to land.

—Longfellow.

For a set of books by a well-known author:

The chief glory of every people arises from its authors.—Dr. Johnson.

For a small afternoon tea caddy:

Tea, thou soft, thou sober, sage and venerable liquid.—Colley Cibber.

For a useful purse:

The best friends are in the purse.—German Proverb.

Happy the man, who, void of cares and strife, in silken or in leathern purse retains A splendid shilling.—John Phillips.

With a pack of cards:

The cards beat all the players, be they never so skillful.—Emerson.

With a pair of gloves:

Oh, that I were a glove upon that hand!

—Romeo and Juliet.

With a silver handbag:

The heart like a mirror should reflect all objects without being sullied by any.—Confucius.

With a "year off" calendar:

The longest day must have an end.—Italian Proverb.

A Christmas gift of a ring for a fiancée or wife:

So let our love

As endless prove

And pure as gold forever.

—Robert Herrick.

For the last baby:

Much is she worth and even more is made of her.—W. E. Henley.

With an umbrella.

The year, most part deformed with dripping rain.—Cowper.

With a cookbook:

The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell.—Old Proverb.

With an electric torch lamp.

To a great night a great lantern.—Old Proverb.

With a needlecase:

Who *** hath need of a hundred eyes.

—Old Proverb.

A Subtle Revenge.

"How did you break your wife of buying you cigars for a Christmas present?"

"I gave her a box of cheap chocolates."

The Other Way.

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping?"

"No; it finished me."



Decorations for the Tree.

A pretty decoration for Christmas which is so easily made that the little tots can do most of the work, is paper chains. Silver paper and blue paper make the prettiest. Cut the paper into four-inch squares, then cut the squares into strips one-fourth inch wide, and paste the ends of the little strips together, linking them as you go. Silver alone is very pretty, and alternate links of blue and silver give an attractive effect. The paper costs five cents a sheet, so the expense of the decoration is small.

Not Playing Favorites.

"You say this girl show is intended for the tired business man?"
"That's the idea," replied the manager. "But we don't wish to discriminate, and during the holiday season we are glad to receive the patronage of the tired college boy."